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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### UM LAW SCHOOL TEAM ADVANCES TO NATIONAL COMPETITION

MISSOULA --

For the seventh time in the past nine years, University of Montana School of Law teams competed successfully in regional moot court competition, and one team will advance to the nationals.

Two Montana teams of third-year students competed at the Northwest Regional Moot Court Competition, held Nov. 10-12 in Moscow, Idaho. The advancing team took second place in a field of 15 teams, representing all eight law schools in the Northwest.

The teams argued constitutional questions: Does the 14th Amendment right to equal protection of the law or the Sixth Amendment guarantee of an impartial trial prevent a prosecutor from exercising all peremptory challenges to exclude women from a jury?

Andy Huppert of Livingston, Maureen Lennon of Great Falls and John Richardson of West Yellowstone comprise the UM team that will go to the national competition in January in New York City. A UM team composed of Susan Callaghan of Florence, Marcia Morton of Great Falls and Scott Hamilton of Kalispell also competed at the regionals.

Missoula attorney Sharon Snyder coached the teams, assisted by UM law Professor Bari Burke and about 20 attorneys practicing in western Montana.

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